

Kumoricon / Altonimbus Entertainment

Regular Meeting of the Membership

on August 15, 2026, 2:00pm

Via Discord and Twitch

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 2:01pm by Steven Garcia, Chair.

At the initial quorum count, the meeting continued once 20 members signed in as present, thus meeting quorum. In total during the meeting, 25 members signed in as present out of 758 total, with 20 needed to reach quorum.

Minutes

The minutes from July 11, 2026, were approved without objection.

Reports

Chair

Steven Garcia, Chair, presented slides *[lightly copy-edited]*:

- So many meetings... between teams, departments, and individuals!
- Working across departments on coordination of our Opening and Closing Ceremonies.
- I am also working on internal organizational policies and definitions to help shape and smooth processes for the future.
- Join the team (**bolded** positions denote greatest need):
 - Staff relations
 - Support
 - Auction
 - Support
 - Art Show
 - Support
 - Staff Events
 - Support
 - Training & Development
 - Support
 - Staff Resources
 - **Manager**
 - Recruitment
 - **Coordinator**
 - Support
 - Accessibility
 - **Event Interpreter Coordinator**
 - Support - Accessibility Info Booth
 - AFK Room Support

Infrastructure

Elaina Day, Director of Infrastructure, presented slides *[lightly copy-edited]*:

- Staff Hotel form now live!
 - Full 2026 guidelines, rules, and FAQ available in the Staff Area on Kumoricon.org. All questions can be directed to hotels@kumoricon.org, or answered in the #hotels-team channel on Discord.
- Hotel, Infrastructure Amenities, and Information Technology are now accepting applications!
 - No experience required! Inquire at Infrastructure@kumoricon.org
- Position Highlight: Infrastructure Amenities
 - Infrastructure Amenities is a newly created position to help keep up with needs all over the Convention Center! During the convention weekend, you'll assist with monitoring Discord channel requests to help dispatch the proper services to the right place! This position requires little to no physical labor, and would be ideal for individuals who have mobility issues or are wanting to get involved in a new, easy-to-learn spot!

Membership

Hannah Eulberg, Director of Membership, presented slides *[lightly copy-edited]*:

- Current registration numbers:
 - Pre-registrations: 4,287
 - VIP Add-On Packages: 60
- Pre-registration price:
 - \$95* through Nov 7
 - *card processing fees applied at checkout
- Pre-Registration Deadline:
 - Pre-registration for attendees closes soon! If you know of friends or family that have not yet registered, please remind them that the current price tier will close at the end of the day on **November 7**.
 - After that, it will be at-the-door sales only, available online starting at midnight on Wednesday, November 11 or in-person Thursday, November 12, when the Registration Hall is open.
- Staff Discount Code Deadline:
 - For staff L2 and up, discount codes to use on an attendee membership for a friend or family member have been sent to either your personal or Kumoricon email address. If you have not received this code and are ratified, please reach out to staff.registration@kumoricon.org.
 - Codes are able to be redeemed until EOD Saturday, November 7. After that, if still wanting to redeem the code in-person at the convention, it will need to be done through the Management Kiosk in the Registration Hall.
- Staff Badge Personalization Deadline:
 - To have your name and position be listed on your badge, you must be registered and ratified by the **end of day, September 11th**. Please make sure to double check that your personal details for the badge (name/nickname especially) are correct by this date! A reminder email has been sent to all staff.
- Staff Registration Deadline:
 - **As of Kumoricon 2026, we will no longer be signing staff up at the convention.** Individuals must be registered and ratified by **November 7th** to be eligible for staff this year. Anyone who has missed this cutoff will be directed to the Attendee Volunteer booth for options on volunteering.
- Current happenings:
 - Staff scheduling through Eventeny and training for management teams (coming soon!)
 - Graphic/design requests for VIP and staff items.
 - Finishing up training guides, looking at setting up training meetings soon.

- We're hiring (**bolded** positions denote greatest need):
 - Info Booth
 - **Lead**
 - Crew
 - **Attendee Registration**
 - **Shift Lead**
 - **VIP Support**
 - **Crew**
 - Specialty Registration
 - Support
 - Staff Registration
 - Assistant Manager
 - **Support**
 - **Attendee Volunteers**
 - **Lead**

Operations

Tami Hatfield, Assistant Director, Operations, on behalf of Patrick Frymire, Director of Operations, presented slides *[lightly copy-edited]*:

- Working hard in the background to get things ready for the convention.
- Our security and radio vendors have been contracted for the year.
- OCC walk-through will happen soon.
 - [This will take place on September 5th.]
- Look for your leads to reach out about training if needed within the next month.
- Highlighted Staff Recruitment:
 - Incident Response Investigator
 - Public Discord Moderator
 - Peace Bonding Specialist
 - Crowd Control Specialist
 - Please go to kumoricon.org/open-positions to learn more and apply.
 - Please note: L3 ranked positions must be hired on or before September 18th.

Programming

Bennett Do, Director of Programming, presented slides *[lightly copy-edited]*:

- Continued working with Programming leads on contest forms.
- Panel Applications have closed, and we are gearing up to review panel submissions.
- Reviewing menus for Sake Tasting, Maid Cafe, and Tea Party.
- Connected with Eastlund for continued collaboration on Anime Bar.
- Programming Events and Contest Statuses

Name	Status	Deadline
Panel Applications	Closed	August 1, 2026
AMV	Open	August 16, 2026
Cosplay Contest	Rules live; Applications open September 13, 2026	

Lip Sync	Open	September 18, 2026
Cabaret Show	Open	October 27, 2026

- Join Programming!
 - Highlighted Role: Craft Coordinator
 - Coordinates all aspects of staff-run crafting panels, workshops, and the Cat Ears activity.
 - Ensures all required equipment, supplies, and materials are prepared prior to the convention.
 - Recruits, schedules, and supervises staff assigned to these areas, including monitoring shift coverage during the event.

Publicity

Jessica Ulibarri, Director of Publicity, presented slides *[lightly copy-edited]*:

- The Mascot Contest for 2027 has closed; we received 47 submissions and are reviewing before processing for staff voting.
 - [Voting is expected to open later this month and will be open for about two weeks.]
- The Executive Team is continuing merch procurement for 2026.
- Things to remember when submitting requests to Publicity:
 - When you are submitting requests to Publicity for either website updates, announcements, or graphics, please make sure to **specify a date** that you want or need the project completed/announced by.
 - All items that will be consumed by the public (this includes staff) must be run past Copy Editing & Branding to make sure it meets Kumoricon's Branding Standards.
 - If you are looking to make an announcement on social media, please make sure you are also making a request to Graphics for the announcement image.
 - If you are looking to make changes to something on the website and want it announced by Social Media once completed, please make sure you are submitting separate requests to both teams.
 - If something is being announced on the website and social media, please be aware that it must first be posted on the website, and the social media announcement will be posted within 24 hours of the website posting going live.
- Design & Print Deadlines:
 - Requests that **require design and/or layout** to be done by Kumoricon's Graphics Design Team must be **submitted by Saturday, September 26, 2026**.
 - Information for the printed Pocket Guide: **Hours, Locations, Policies & Procedures**, needs to be **submitted by Saturday, October 10, 2026**.
 - Requests with **print-ready files provided by the requester** must be **submitted by Saturday, October 17, 2026**.
- Publicity is hiring for:
 - Merchandise Team:
 - Booth Manager & Supervisor
 - Customer Service
 - Cashier
 - Graphics Team:
 - Project Manager
 - Design & Editorial Layout
 - Social Media Team:
 - Content Creator
 - Announcement Creator

- Platform Moderator
- Multimedia Team:
 - Event Photography Lead
 - Photographer
 - Videographer

Relations

Briana Johnson, Assistant Director, Relations, on behalf of Kris Lugo, Director of Relations, presented slides *[lightly copy-edited]*:

- Still working on a few contracts. Most have been signed and are ready to be announced.
- We have announced or are about to announce a bunch of cool voice actors, cultural guests, DJs, Cosplay Guests, Idols, etc.
- We are so excited to share more in the next coming weeks! Stay tuned...
- Relations is looking for:
 - Cultural Coordinator, Guest Acquisition (1 spot open)
 - Transportation Coordinator, Relations Logistics (1 spot open)
 - Assistant Manager, Relations Logistics (1 spot open)
 - Drivers, Relations Logistics (3 spots open)
 - Gophers, Relations Logistics (5 spots open)
 - Liaisons, Guest Relations (2 spots left)
 - Shift Leads, Autographs (2 spots open)
 - Support, Autographs (6 spots open)
 - Manager and Assistant Manager, Industry and Sponsorship (2 spots open)
 - Support, Industry and Sponsorship (2 spots open)
 - Green Room Support, Hospitality (2 spots open)
 - Assistant Manager, Hospitality (1 spot open)
 - If any of these positions sound fun and exciting, come join us!

Secretary

Stephen Weber, Secretary, presented slides *[lightly copy-edited]*:

- Minutes and ratifications are current.
- Thank you to everyone who assisted with the election last month and to all who participated in voting.
- Reminder to Directors: **I will be completely unavailable from September 5th until the evening of the 11th.** Unless it is an emergency, **no ratifications will be processed during this time frame.**
- If your position requires an NDA and you did not receive an email to sign one, **please check your spam folder** and organizational email, if applicable.
 - Please email secretary@kumoricon.org if still missing to have the link manually sent.
 - **NDAs must be signed with your name as it appears on your ID.**
 - Please do not submit an NDA unless your position requires one.
- Executive meetings summary:
 - The executive board has met once since the last membership meeting.
 - August 8, 2026:
 - Approved an IT Equipment Loan Policy.
 - Approved an addendum to the Kumoricon 2026 DoubleTree contract. This increases the number of rooms in the staff block and clarifies expectations for breakfast for staff.
 - Reviewed a proposed tool for Executive Meetings. The proposal was tabled for further research and discussion.
- Out of meeting board actions:
 - Approved an update to Contract Signing Authority to add Steven Garcia as President/Chair.

Treasurer

Sierra Rice, Treasurer, presented slides *[lightly copy-edited]*:

- Banking accounts/spending reconciliation and management.
- Setting up for success with documentation and processes.
- Hiring for:
 - Load-in/Load-out Movers

Outreach

Stacie Looney, Facilitator, Outreach, on behalf of Devin Hunter, Lead, Outreach, presented slides *[lightly copy-edited]*:

- Our only recent event was:
 - Portland Pride Festival, which is one of our favorite events to attend, and we got a great booth location this year. That helped us have 400 conversations over the two days, which is more than any other event this year. With a 31% new contact rate, Pride continues to be an important event for the outreach program. We had an amazing team who had an amazing time, and we look forward to going next year!
- For those who don't know, we have a mini-zine that has a bunch of show recommendations for those who are new to anime, broken into different genres. People really appreciate the recommendations, and it's fun to watch experienced anime fans review our choices. We ran out at this event, so we plan to print more soon!
- If you want to get involved in planning future events, our next meeting is August 25th at 7:00pm in the "outreach-voice" channel of the Staff Discord Server.
- Upcoming Events:
 - Rose City Comic Con: September 10-12 at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland.
 - Ani-Medford: September 19-20 at Rouge X Community Center in Medford.
 - CouveCon: September 26 at the Vancouver Mall in Washington.
 - We'll also be at:
 - Super Queer Fun Fair: September 19 in Newport, which is the same weekend as Ani-Medford.
- If you are interested in volunteering, make sure to keep an eye out for, and respond to, the volunteer recruitment emails for each event. We're always looking for new volunteers who are interested in spreading the word about Kumoricon!
- Thanks for listening!

Unfinished business

There was no unfinished business.

New business

There was no new business.

Good of the order

Good of the order is accepting submissions!

- You can email goto@kumoricon.org, open.mic@kumoricon.org, or good.of.the.order@kumoricon.org!

Joining staff

- Want to join staff but not sure what you want to do?
 - Visit <https://www.kumoricon.org/open-positions> to read about all the positions we have available.
- Know what you want to do or need some help making a decision?
 - Visit <https://www.kumoricon.org/staff-application> to apply or take a small survey so we can help you figure out what to do.

Anime Movie Minute

Heather Loveland, Cultural Coordinator, Guest Acquisitions, presented slides *[lightly copy-edited]*:

- The Hollywood Theater's Mecha Panic Series:
 - *Appleseed (1988)* and *Black Magic M-66* - Tomorrow, Sunday, August 16th.
- *your name. (4K remaster)*: August 14-20
- *Your Letter*: August 17th. This is a South Korean film.
- Ghiblifest:
 - *Castle in the Sky (40th Anniversary)*: August 22-26
- *The Last Blossom*: August 30-31. This is by the director and writer team that created *ODDTAXI*. I'm sold.
- *AKIRA*: September 4
- *Cocoon*: September 4 - Who wants a historical fiction film about a nursing unit made of high schoolers in WW2? What if I say it's the movie Directorial debut of a Key Animator for *Suzume* and *The Tatami Time Machine Blues* and the first production from studio SASAYURI, which was founded by Hitomi Tateno from Studio Ghibli.
- The next ANImayhem at the Hollywood Theater will be *ROYAL SPACE FORCE: THE WINGS OF HONNEAMISE* on September 13th. This is the theatrical debut of GAINAX. 'Nuf said.

TriMet Service Changes

Stephen Weber, Secretary, presented slides *[lightly copy-edited]*:

- TriMet is making *significant changes* to service **starting Sunday, August 23rd**. If you take TriMet to Kumoricon, you may need a new route this year.
- Lines that will no longer serve the OCC:
 - MAX Green Line
 - Will run between Gateway TC and Clackamas Town Center only.
 - Line 70 (if coming from north of Rose Quarter)
 - Line 70 has a new route that ends at Rose Quarter instead of continuing north past the former Lloyd Center.
- See all changes at: <https://trimet.org/servicechanges/>

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:41pm by Steven Garcia, Chair.

Submitted, and revised and approved by the members,
Stephen Weber, Secretary

Attachment: Presentation slides

See file *kumoricon-minutes-member-20260815-attachment.pdf*